

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 03/20/09 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joanna Skyles (Reg. No. 54,454) on 03/27/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

For the title:

Please, change "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VENTING AN ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE" to -- **APPARATUS FOR VENTING AN ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE** --.

For the claim 3:

3. (**Currently Amended**) The module as recited in claim 3 ~~2~~, wherein the fluorinated polymer membrane comprises GORE-TEX®.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-6, 8, and 42-43 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the references fail to disclose, suggest, or in combination of an electronic control module having at least one electrical component located on the substrate electrically couples to ground via an electrical pathway extending through the second aperture, the electrical pathway being electrically coupled to the housing (claim 1), and the hydrophobic vent assembly comprises a hydrophobic coating disposed over a structural screen, wherein the structural screen is coupled to the substrate (claim 5).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-1929. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reichard Dean can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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